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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

#### RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English.

A copy of the Communication Pursuant to Article 94(3) EPC that issued during the prosecution of the corresponding European Application is attached. The documents disclosed in the attached Communication were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 22, 2009.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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